

REMARKS

The Amendment

Claim 1 is amended to insert oxo in the description of R₄. Support for the amendment can be found in the later parts in the claim that state multiple times "when R₄ = oxo." This amendment is necessary to correct the obvious omission.

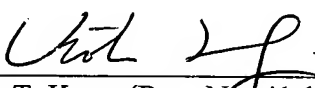
Claim 1 is further amended to correct the second R₆ to R₅ in the second to the last line. This amendment is necessary to correct the obvious typographical error in the description "provided that when B is cytosine, then R₆ ≠ oxo, when R₄ = oxo, Y = Z = OH and R₆ = R₇ = R₈ = H, and n + m = 2" where R₆ appears twice.

Claim 13 is amended to an independent claim. This amendment is necessary to correct the claim dependency because the compound P¹-(2'-deoxycytidine 5'-)-P⁴-(uridine 5'-) tetraphosphate is excluded in Claim 1 (see the last proviso of Claim 1).

No new matter is added in any of the above amendments. The amendments merely correct obvious error and do not raise a new issue or require a new search. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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